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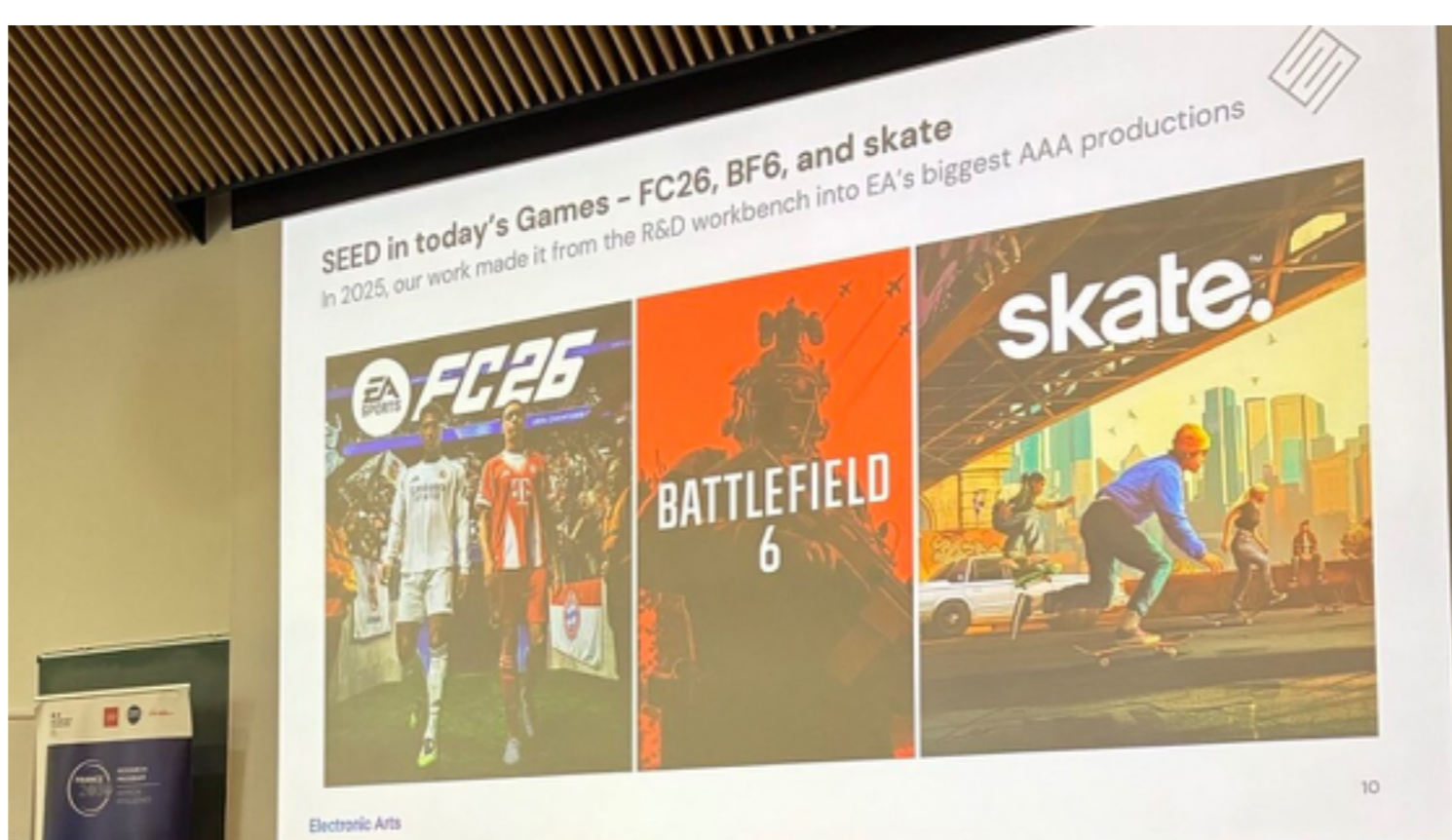


Beyond the Cloud: Film and research initiative in Stockholm tackles AI and sustainability

At KTH Royal Institute of Technology, discussions on artificial intelligence are moving beyond code and computation—into cinemas and collaborative spaces. Through The Material Cloud Film Festival and a parallel three-day workshop, researcher Francesca Larosa is bringing together audiences, experts and policymakers to explore the hidden social and environmental dimensions of AI.

As a proud sponsor of the event, Digital Futures caught up with Francesca Larosa to discuss how it all started and what lies ahead...

A conversation with researcher Francesca Larosa



French–Swedish AI Workshop strengthens cross-border collaboration in Paris

The second French–Swedish Workshop on Artificial Intelligence took place on 20–21 April 2026 at Inria – the French National Institute for computer science and applied mathematics – bringing together leading researchers, innovators, and industry representatives from France and Sweden for two days of high-level exchange on the future of AI...

French–Swedish Workshop on AI



AI wealth at a crossroads: Francesco Fuso Nerini on equity in the age of Generative AI

A new paper by Digital Futures Faculty member Francesco Fuso Nerini, published on 17 April 2026 in Nature Machine Intelligence, explores how the economic benefits of generative AI can be more equitably shared to support global societal goals...

AI economics for the common good



Digital Futures Launches Proof-of-Concept Project Grants Call for 2026

Digital Futures announces its first-ever call for Proof-of-Concept project grant applications, opening on April 28, 2026. The new funding instrument is a key part of Digital Futures' Innovation Programme, designed to help researchers translate early-stage discoveries into validated methods, products, or processes with real-world impact. This is a recurrent call and will have 3-4 deadlines per calendar year.

- Proposal submission deadline: May 31, 2026 (23:59 CET)

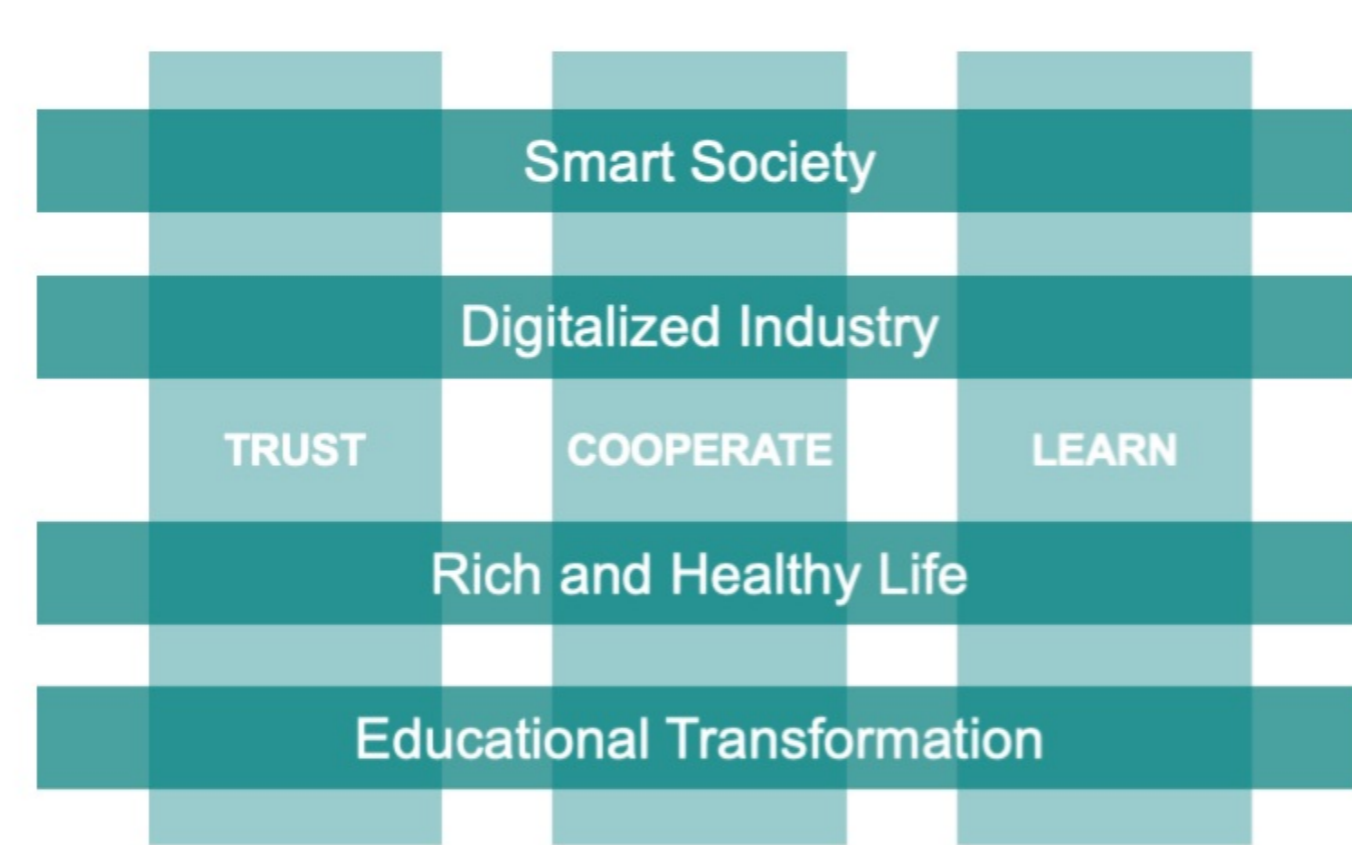
Proof-of-Concept Project Grants Call



Digital Futures researcher Jan Kronqvist awarded €30,000 Prize from the Ruth and Nils-Erik Stenbäck Foundation

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters and Ruth och Nils-erik Stenbäck Foundation. This award is not only a personal milestone, but also a testament to the great efforts of mycollaborators and research group. For me this is a great motivation to continue advancing the boundaries and fundamental theory of optimization and its applications in artificial intelligence and machine learning," says Jan Kronqvist...

Prize from the Ruth and Nils-Erik Stenbäck Foundation



Open calls

- Proof-of-Concept Project Grants 2026
- Call for Topic proposals for the Digital Futures Focus Period 2027
- Digital Futures Call for Support Funding for ERC grants
- Industrial Partner Projects
- ISPP Mobility Grants
- ISPP Postdoc Projects
- Research Pairs Consolidator Projects 2026
- Research Pairs Projects 2026
- Societal Partner Projects

All Open Calls announced by Digital Futures



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- **Open call:** Scholar-in-Residence programme. This is a recurring call with applications every three months. Next deadline is 26 May 2026.

Open calls for mobility

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